

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Taken from the Daily Lectionary, found on p. 936 of the Prayer book. Use any or all these readings to focus your thoughts each day. A suggestion: Use some of the readings in the morning, and some at the end of the day.

Monday: Isa. 1:10-20, Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7; I Thess. 1:1-10; Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday: Isa. 1:21-31; Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11; I Thess. 2:1-12; Luke 20:9-18

Wednesday: Isa. 2:1-11; Psalm 119:1-24, 12, 13, 14; I Thess. 2:13-20; Luke 20:19-26

Thursday: Isa. 2:12-22; Psalm 18; I Thess. 3:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Friday: Isa. 3:8-15; Psalm 16, 17, 22; I Thess. 4:1-12; Luke 20:41-21:4

Saturday: Isa. 4:2-6; Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117; I Thess. 4:13-18; Luke 21:5-19

The ministers: All the people of St. Luke's

The Bishop of North Carolina: The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry

Assisting Bishops: The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, The Rt. Rev. Alfred C. Marble, Jr.

The Clergy of St. Luke's:

Rector: The Rev. Anne E. Hodges-Copple

Assistant Rector: The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Bishop-in-Residence, Rector Emeritus: The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Jr.

Priest Associate: The Rev. James B. Craven, III; Deacon: The Rev. Jan Lamb

Parish Administrator: Kathy Barnes

Director of Music: Mary Lycan; Organist: Anne Parks-Goss

Sunday Building Assistant: Carol Joyner

School Director: Beverly Haggard

The Vestry and Officers of St. Luke's

Jean Wipperman, Sr. Warden; Randy Griffin, Jr. Warden

Wayne Wagoner, Treasurer; Patty McHenry, Clerk

Vestry Members:

Class of 2008: Elizabeth Sabiston, Dick Hammond, Wayne Wagoner, Babs Wise

Class of 2009: Randy Griffin, Judy Phelps, Jeane Ray, Jean Wipperman

Class of 2010: Craig Galunas, Martha Lassiter, Debbie McIntosh, Debbie Stonehouse

Please speak to Clergy or Vestry members if you have questions or concerns.

Worship and Pastoral Care - Martha Lassiter, Debbie McIntosh;

Youth, Children, Family - Babs Wise

Newcomer Welcome and Evangelism - Elizabeth Sabiston, Jeane Ray

Outreach - Elizabeth Sabiston, Wayne Wagoner,

Parish Life - Judy Phelps, Debbie Stonehouse, Debbie McIntosh

Building and Grounds - Randy Griffin, Jeane Ray

Administration - Wayne Wagoner, Jean Wipperman, Craig Galunas

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1737 Hillandale Rd., Durham, North Carolina 27705

Church phone: 919/286-2273, Fax: 919/416-9529,

E-mail: stlukeep@verizon.net, stlukesrector@verizon.net, assistantrector@verizon.net

Church web site: www.stlukesdurham.org Diocesan web site: www.episdionc.com

Announcements

Advent Wreath Making For All Ages: Today.

The season of Advent begins today. Many

School phone: 919/286-2274 . E-mail: saintlukesschool@verizon.net

Prayer Requests

We pray for prisoners, captives, and refugees. We pray for those who serve in our armed forces, especially Suann LaRusch, Chrissy Sanford, Matthew Brack, Robert Hege, Sean Wynn, Seth Griffin, David Baird, Lucas and Thomas Kneipp. We pray for victims of war and terrorism in all nations.

For healing and special needs: Jamie, John, Ginny Thompson, LuAnne, Betty, Cathy Skubik, Paul Starling, Pat Dixon, Pam Chapman, Frank, Mike, Becky, Maureen Williams, Beth and Brad, Bernice, Marjorie Pruett, Dick, Dorothy McCusker, Faye, Ginny Busch, Pat Spencer, Nancy Yaeger, Barbara Longmire, Nancy Whaley, Patrick Henry, Ted Triebel, Jim Panipinto.

In thanksgiving: For the birth of Lillian Morrell, daughter of Matt and Blyth Morrell, granddaughter of David and Peggy Morrell.

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family and friends on the 33rd wedding anniversary of Bill and Valleri Callahan.

Today

Preacher: The Rev. Anne E. Hodges-Copple

Celebrant: The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Lay Ministers

8 a.m. Chalice - Tom Boyd (A), Elaine Scagnelli

Lector - Renee Weisner

Intercessor - Tom Boyd

Sunday School Breakfast: Kelley Lawton

10:30 a.m. Chalice - Terrie Blalock, Anetta Annis

Lectors - Tim Wipperman, Fran Wescott

Intercessor - Mike Henry

Lay Healing - Wendy Cook

Acolytes - Gregory O'Toole, Kirby Cook, Audrey Cook

Ushers - Bob Moore, Bob Atwell

Greeters - Dot Borden, Jeff and Mary Jane Stillwagon

Altar - Karen McDaniel, Jean Willard, John Willard, Debbie Carter, Mary

Faulkner, Joanne Hooker, Kathy Martin

LEV - Muz Ansano, Debbie McIntosh

Offering Counters - Wayne Wagoner, Jean Willard

families observe the season by lighting candles for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Come

make your candle wreath during the Sunday school hour (9:20-10:20) in Johnson Hall.

EYC - (Episcopal Youth Community) We will meet at 4 p.m. for snacks, a short movie and fellowship followed by the Come As You Are service.

Evening Prayer with Taize music: Today at 5:00. Get your Advent off to a peaceful start with a candlelit evening prayer service and the beautiful chants of the Taize community. This will be our CAYA service for November. We will have similar services on the three Thursdays of Advent at 5:30. We invite you to make these services a part of your Advent observance.

Chrismon kits are available in the Sprague Room.

Join the Choir for Christmas. The adult choir is flourishing—thank you, singers one and all—but it is not full. If you would like to try singing with us on a trial basis, Christmas would be a joyful time to do that. Just come to three rehearsals: Wed. Dec 10 and Wed. Dec 17, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Kramer Room, and Sun. Dec 21 after the 10:30 service for a light lunch and rehearsal. Experienced and novice singers from the parish, and neighbors and friends, are all welcome. Call Mary at 967-0669.

Children's Choir (K-5th) meets today at 4 p.m. to rehearse Christmas Eve Pageant music and on Dec 7 and 14 at 4 p.m. and Dec 21 after church. Contact Peggy Young with questions: pyoung22@bellsouth.net

It's not too late to turn in your UTO (United Thank Offering) envelope. Extra envelopes are in the narthex.

This week: November 30-December 6

Sunday: 8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/healing rite
8:45 a.m. Light Breakfast

9:20 a.m. Wreath Making
4 p.m. EYC
4 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer
Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:30 p.m. Planned Giving Cte - Kramer Room
Wednesday: 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Durham Regent
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist and healing rite
1 p.m. Bible Study
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer
6 p.m. Barber shop Chorus - Johnson Hall
Friday: Bishop's Ball
Saturday: 9 a.m. Window cleaning
7 p.m. Lessons and Carols at St. Matthew's
Next Sunday: December 7, Advent II
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Rite
9:20 a.m. Christian Formation for all Ages, Adult Confirmation Class
Alternative Gift Fair
11:30 a.m. CTCC lunch
4 p.m. Children's Choir

POINSETTIAS - It's time once again to begin thinking about Christmas poinsettias in support of your 2009 Belize Teams. All profits from the poinsettia sale will go towards the mission trips. **The deadline for orders will be December 3** for a December 7 delivery. Order forms are in the Sprague Room. For additional information contact Barbara Longmire at bwlongmire@mindspring.com, home phone 477-6248, or any member of the 2009 Belize Teams.

Coming up next week: December 7
Preach: The Rev. Jan Lamb

Celebrate: The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

8 a.m. service

Chalice - Tom Boyd (A), Elaine Scagnelli
Lector - Cherie Wilson
Intercessor - Elaine Scagnelli
Sunday School Breakfast: Martha Lassitser

10:30 a.m. service

Chalice - Kristi Duke, Lisa D'Amico
Lectors - Eileen Morgan, Keith Haynie
Intercessor - Janet Ramsey
Lay Healing - Muz Ansano
Acolytes - Winn Short, Lawton Kariher, Jacob Hege
Ushers - Neil O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole
Greeters - John and Jean Willard, Bob Moore
Altar - Cindy Henry, Grams Gutknecht, Frances Shreve, LaRue Dedrick, Valleri Callahan, E. June Santa, Jill Spaulding
LEV - E. June Santa, Kay Yarger
Offering Counters: Bill Gutknecht, Mark Hopkins

A joint service of Advent Lessons and Carols will be held at St. Matthew's, Hillsborough on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. The St. Luke's choir will join the St. Matthew's choir in a glorious celebration of our great expectations for the coming of Christ. The rectors of our parishes will co-officiate. There will also be plenty of congregational signing. Please join us. St. Matthew's is only about a fifteen minute drive from St. Luke's.

Attention all casserole makers for the Holiday Dinner, December 14th. Thanks to all who signed up to make a specific casserole for December 14th. This is not the same as making a casserole for the Soup Kitchen. We need your **cooked, unfrozen** casserole delivered as close to December 14th as possible, and for those who live close enough, delivered warm or hot. Johnson

Hall's ovens can only reheat 8 casseroles at a time. If it is necessary to return your casserole earlier to Johnson Hall, please put in the refrigerator and those will be heated first. Please call or email me day or night with questions or concerns. Thank you very much for contributing to this very important ministry! Nancy Wyman, 471-6405 ntwyman@nc.rr.com

Games and Pizza night: Friday, December 12 from 6-8 p.m. The holiday season is busy; this event is just low key fun. Just bring yourselves (and favorite board games if you have any) and enjoy some pizza and fellowship in the Sprague Room. Open to the entire parish.

Advent Quiet Day: Saturday December 13. 9:30-3:00. Treat yourself to some inspiration for the season. Advent is a season of watching and waiting, and this quiet day will be an opportunity to slow down and take a deep breath. There will be readings, optional activities for the head, heart, and body, and lunch. Come for part or all of the time and participate in whatever feels right to you. If you have never done this kind of thing before, you are especially welcome and will be gently guided through the day. If you have questions, please contact Eileen Morgan or Joe Hensley.

Sunday Adult Forums in Advent 9:20 in the Kramer Room

Dec. 7th - The Reverend Sandy McCain and Dot Borden will explain the work of the Anglican Church in Tanzania. Please come hear these direct accounts of how the church's ministry is addressing the Millennium Development Goals.
Dec. 14th - Madonna & Child in Art. Eileen Morgan will lead us in a time to reflect upon the artistic depictions of the Mary and Jesus across time and culture.
Dec. 21st - Dania Ermentrout will help us understand issues of child and maternal health in developing countries.